

The Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland presents:

Medical Anthropology in Europe: Shaping the Field

St Antony's College, University of Oxford, 1-2 July 2010

Conference Programme

Thursday, 1st July: Reflection on the field

12.00pm Arrivals and final registration

1.30pm Welcome by **Dr Hilary Callan**, Director of the RAI
Dr Melissa Parker, Chair of the RAI Medical Anthropology Committee
(Centre for Research in International Medical Anthropology,
Brunel University) **Dr Elisabeth Hsu**, local organiser
(School of Anthropology, University of Oxford)

2.00pm **Shaping the field:** Medical anthropologists who shaped the field will discuss how they experienced the emergence of this field, the major issues and research themes during its development, and the challenges overcome along the way.

'Opening expectations: perspectives on medical anthropology before and after practice in the field'. **Dr Gilbert Lewis** (Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge)

'Itineraries and specificities of French and Italian medical anthropology'
Dr Sylvie Fainzang (Anthropology, National Institute of Health, Paris) together with
Prof Tullio Seppilli (Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Perugia)

'Xenophilia and the rise of medical anthropology in the Netherlands'
Prof Sjaak van der Geest (Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam)

'The development of ethnomedicine / medical anthropology in Germany and Austria'
Prof Armin Prinz & Dr Ruth Kutalek (Ethnomedicine Unit, Medical University of Vienna)

4.00pm Discussion, followed by Tea

5.00pm Round table discussion, with introductory comments by:

Prof Anne-Lise Middlethun
(Section for Medical Anthropology & Medical History,
University of Oslo) **Prof Marja-Liisa Honkusal**
(Department of Health, University of Linköping)
Prof Hansjörg Dilger
(Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Freie
Universität, Berlin) **Dr Christopher Davis**
(School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

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Friday, 2nd July: Current issues

Panel one: Medical anthropology and the psychological sciences (Chair: Dr Sushrut Jadhav)

9.00am **Keynote: 'Of divinatory connaissance in South-Saharan Africa: the bodiliness of perception, inter-subjectivity and transworld resonance'**
Prof Rene Devisch (Department of Anthropology, Catholic University of Leuven)

9.30am Panel presentations (20 minutes each) followed by Discussion and Coffee

'Clinical reflexivity, cultural reflexivity, and dialectical oscillation between disciplinary perspectives as tools in medical anthropology'. **Dr Joseph Calabrese** (University of Oxford)

'Transcultural psychiatry around Lake Victoria: why the West should be won' **Prof Koen Stroecken** (Ghent University)

'Madness and miracles: seeking a cure for mental illness in rural Ghana' **Ms Ursula Read** (University College London)

Panel two: Controlling chronic illness: cross-cultural perspectives (Chair: Prof Murray Last)

11.30am **Keynote: 'Time, sociality and control in lives with long-term illness'**
Prof Susan Whyte (Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen)

12.00pm Panel presentations (20 minutes each) followed by Discussion and Coffee

'One class is not enough for Edna: the ambivalent production of patient adherence to Antiretroviral treatment in urban Tanzania' **Mr Dominik Mattes** (Freie Universität Berlin)

'Managing prevention: the internalisation and externalisation of prevention work' **Ms Katherine Hoffmann Pii** (Copenhagen Business School)

'Perspectives of clubfoot in Malawi'
Dr Juliet Bedford (Anthrologica and University of Oxford)

1.30pm Lunch at St Antony's College

Panel three: Biopolitics, hegemony and Gramsci in medical anthropology (Chair: Dr Ian Harper)

3.00pm **Keynote: 'Second nature: on Gramsci's anthropology'**
Dr Giovanni Pizza (Dipartimento Uomo & Territorio, University of Perugia)

3.30pm Panel presentations (20 minutes each) followed by Discussion and Coffee

'When there were only gods, then there was no disease, no need for doctors: healing rituals and resistance to biopolitics in the Indian Himalayas' **Dr Serena Bindi** (EHESS Paris)

'Anthropology in cross-disciplinary health research' **Dr Rita Agdal, Dr Dorte Brogård Kristensen, Prof Helle Johannessen** (Syddansk Universitet)

'Legitimacy of traditional medicine in Ghana: biopolitics and hegemony' **Ms Elisa Vasconi** (University of Siena)

5.30 -6.30pm Plenary discussion with **Dr Anita Hardon** (Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam), Vice-Chair of the EASA medical anthropology network
Prof Josep Comelles (Department of Anthropology, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Tarragona) **Prof David Parkin** (All Souls College, University of Oxford)

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